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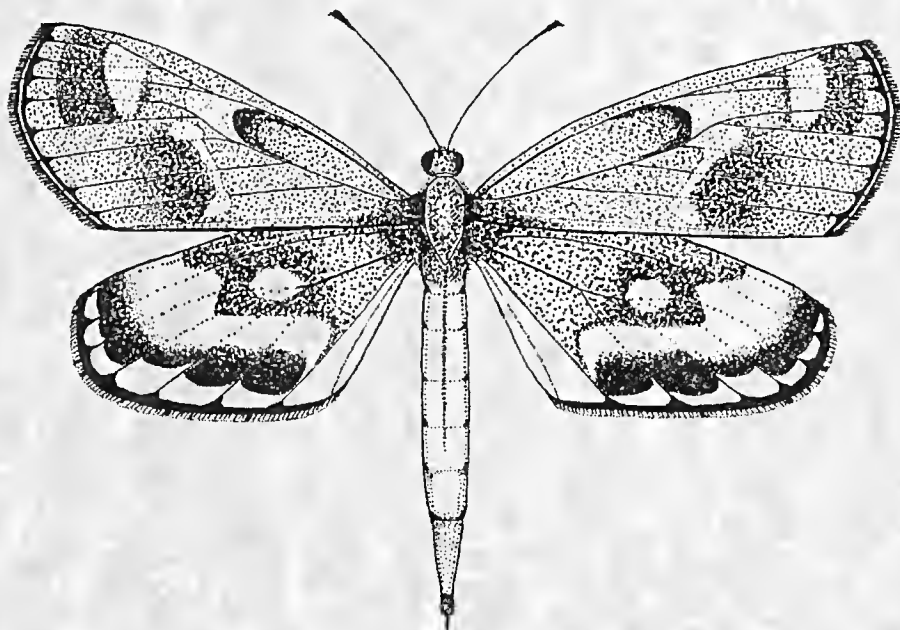


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THE ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VICTORIA (Inc)

MEMBERSHIP

Any person with an interest in entomology shall be eligible for Ordinary membership. Members of the Society include professional, amateur and student entomologists, all of whom receive the Society's News Bulletin, the Victorian Entomologist.

OBJECTIVES

The aims of the Society are:

- (a) to stimulate the scientific study and discussion of all aspects of entomology,
- (b) to gather, disseminate and record knowledge of all identifiable Australian insect species,
- (c) to compile a comprehensive list of all Victorian insect species,
- (d) to bring together in a congenial but scientific atmosphere all persons interested in entomology.

MEETINGS

The Society's meetings are held at the 'Discovery Centre', Lower Ground Floor, Museum Victoria, Carlton Gardens, Melway reference Map 43 K5 at 8 p.m. on the third Tuesday of even months, with the exception of the December meeting which is held on the second Tuesday. Lectures by guest speakers or members are a feature of many meetings at which there is ample opportunity for informal discussion between members with similar interests. Forums are also conducted by members on their own particular interest so that others may participate in discussions.

SUBSCRIPTIONS (2008)

Ordinary Member	\$30 (overseas members \$32)
Country Member	\$26 (Over 100 km from GPO Melbourne)
Student Member	\$18
Electronic (only)	\$20
Associate Member	\$7 (No News Bulletin)
Institution	\$35 (overseas Institutions \$40)

Associate Members, resident at the same address as, and being immediate relatives of an ordinary Member, do not automatically receive the Society's publications but in all other respects rank as ordinary Members.

LIFE MEMBERS: P. Carwardine, Dr. R. Field, D. Holmes, Dr. T. New, Dr. K. Walker.

Cover design by Alan Hyman.

Cover illustration: The pale Sun Moth, *Synemon selene* Klug, is an endangered species restricted to perennial grassland dominated by *Austrodanthonia* in Western Victoria. It is now extinct in SA, and was presumed extinct in Vic. until its rediscovery, in February 1991, by the late Frank Noelker and Fabian Douglas. The Victorian Populations are parthenogenetic with all specimens comprising females, a most unusual trait in the Castniidae. Illustration by Michael F. Braby.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 21 April 2009

Present: L. Levens, K. Harris, D. Dobrosak, G. Weeks, S. Curle, P. Marriott, R. Best, M. Fiedel, J. Grubb, J. Grubb, D. Stewart, P. Carwardine, M. Endersby, I. Endersby, P. Lillywhite

Apologies: K. Walker, L. Gibson, A. Glaister; S. Bendel; D. Young; C. Timewell, L. Watson, G. Forbes; A. Arnold; D. Sands; B. Haywood; K. Dunn; D. Ferguson; T. Morton; G. Walker; M. Antos

Minutes:

Minutes of the previous AGM [Vic.Ent. 38(3): 25-27 (2008)] were accepted.
P. Lillywhite moved, seconded P. Carwardine.

Presidents Report:

Like all organisations, we are changing. The way we communicate, the way we gather together, the way we share and socialise.

When the founders of the society set it up just over 80 years ago, it was to give a focus for collectors and scientists for sharing knowledge, exploring new places and identifying the entomological world. This still remains true to this day.

However, fewer country members come to every meeting or attend excursions than they did during the last world economic crisis. The networks remain but are managed differently.

As a society, we retain a membership base of about the same number, but they communicate more directly, more often and in more ways.

We are exploring new fields, the web site, facebook, and the publications now using new technologies as we progress. Our meetings over the past 12 months have reflected our willingness to explore the developing communication media and the changes that are occurring in people's interest resulting from photography and the beneficial conjunction of science and art.

The bimonthly magazine is still a crucial part of our organisation. We send it to all corners of the country where it is a respected part of the literature base for Australian Entomology filling the niche for informal but informed comment. Thanks to Daniel's work, it maintains a high standard. As a publication, there is always something for everybody.

We had thought that after last year's meeting that the editor position was to be taken up by another, but alas this was not to be so; special thanks go to Daniel Dobrosak for his continuing ongoing efforts

in this area. We still need someone to take on the role of editor for the society; anyone that does so will be mentored through the process.

With the success of recent publications, and the society's latest publication, 'Collecting and Sampling Insects', we seem to have moved into a new phase of operation by expanding the communication and educative parts of our society. This has led to an increase in membership and a higher profile amongst those interested in natural history.

As we explore other ideas for publication we have also been looking at a plastic fold out chart for field use and other resources for people interested in invertebrates.

The society acknowledges and thanks Ian Endersby for agreeing to remain as Treasurer for the society for another year. As well as doing an excellent job there, he is a wonderful resource for things entomological and managerial.

Steve's initiatives stemming from his IT background have led us into areas where we of the older generation rarely venture. It is a very positive force within the society and younger ideas and participation will help us survive as an organisation that contributes to the science and understanding of entomology. His work as secretary and committee member is valued by all.

To Peter Lillywhite, Peter Carwardine, David Stewart and Ken Walker I express my appreciation on behalf of the society. The regular meetings and annual excursion are all due to the efforts of a good executive council.

Peter Marriott
President 2008/9

Treasurers Report:

The Society has three accounts and a term deposit. The General Account uses member's subscriptions to produce the newsletter and to pay general running expenses including Incorporation fees and membership of the Australian Entomological Society. It had a surplus of \$174 in 2008. Note that the Museum does not charge us for the use of the meeting room.

The Awards account takes all of the interest from the bank account and the term deposit and is used to fund a bursary of \$70 for the Science Talent Search and the Le Souëf Award in those years when it is made. In spite of regular calls for nominations from appropriate Societies very few Le Souëf nominations are received. In 2008 the account had a surplus of \$500 and a balance of \$5,432 which is sufficient to fund the Le Souëf Award for more than 15 years.

The Publication account received a grant of \$11,000 from the Norman Wettenhall Foundation and it funded the Moths of Victoria Part 1. The balance of the grant and sales revenue from the Moth book and a new publication on Collecting and Sampling Insects means that more than adequate funds are available for the second moth book to be published this year. The account finished the year with a surplus of \$6,774.

The term deposit is \$10,000, about a quarter of which is from the Le Souëf account, and it currently earns 4% interest which means \$400 per year. Because the Le Souëf Award is so adequately covered by reserves it now makes sense to apply the interest from the term deposit pro rata between the Le Souëf and General accounts (motion 2). This would mean that the Le Souëf account would receive about \$100 which is sufficient to fund the Science Talent Bursary and the General account would

receive the balance thus removing the need to increase subscriptions as printing costs rise, particularly with the use of colour in the newsletter.

Motions:

1. That the Treasurer's report be received. P. Stewart moved, seconded G. Weeks.
2. That the changes to the allocation of interest amounts be agreed. P. Carwardine moved, seconded P. Lillywhite.
3. That Sid Cowling be appointed as auditor for 2009. P. Marriott moved, seconded D. Stewart.

Editors report:

No editor's report was available as the society is still awaiting the appointment of a new editor. D. Dobrosak reminded the meeting that he wishes to stand down from this role.

Le Souëf Award:

No nominations have been received so far this year.

Note: The Conservation and ENTRECS Committees are still in recess

Election of Office Bearers:

The following positions have been duly elected and filled at the meeting:

President	P. Marriott
Vice President(s)	P. Carwardine
Hon. Secretary	S. Curle
Hon. Editor	D. Dobrosak
Hon. Treasurer	I. Endersby
Public Officer	I. Endersby
Councillors (up to 8)	D. Stewart , P. Lillywhite, K. Walker, M. Fiedel
Representative Councillor for Australian Entomological Society	I. Endersby
[Web Master]	D. Dobrosak

A.O.B.:

- P. Marriott stressed the need for a new editor for the society. The council is to spend more time addressing this current position and asks members for expressions of interest to join the council and take on this important role.
- Geoff Weeks moved that a letter of thanks be sent to the Museum (Patrick Greene, Ken Walker and Ross Field) for their continued efforts in securing the venue. P. Lillywhite agreed to do this; seconded by I. Endersby

Meeting Closed: 20:35

Minutes of the General Meeting 21 April 2009

Minutes:

Minutes of the previous General Meeting [Vic.Ent. 39(2): 21-26] were accepted. R. Best moved, seconded K. Harris.

"The Beetles"

For this section of the meeting, Peter Marriott presented an interactive discussion and presentation on Beetles. Members of the forum were invited to bring along their beetle photographs, specimens etc for discussion, identification and general sharing of knowledge.

Just about every family and group of beetle seems to have been covered in Peter's presentation, along with specimens and photographs from Ken Harris and specimens from Daniel Dobrosak's collection.

Of those that I was able to make a note of as the meeting progress were:

Sea Spray Beetle, Jewel Beetles, Darkling Beetles, Christmas Beetles, Scarabs, Dutch Elm Leaf Beetle (notably a pest in Victoria with many bodies desperately trying to control this pest), various ladybirds (one image in particular in a Paper Daisy drawing lots of discussion due to the incredibly large amount of other wildlife hiding amongst the petals), a variety of Cerambycids & Weevils, Soldier Beetles, Click beetles, dung beetles, Water Beetles, Carrion Beetles and of course, Museum Beetle!

A couple of publications were also discussed and browsed through. For some of the identifications, it was recognised that a very good series of books from South Australia (A Guide to the Genera of the Beetles of South Australia by E.G. Matthews) have been used by both Peter and the museum for identification of Victorian species. The selection of the series was available at the meeting.

The other valuable addition to the meeting was a publication by Laura Levens, 'no legs or many'. Whilst specifically not just beetles, this publication has many photographs enabling identification of species that occur around the Upper Beaconsfield area of Victoria.

Correspondence:

The society has received the latest circular (April 2009 no. 138) from 'The Society for Insect Studies'. In summary, this latest circular contains articles on GPS Logger, Vale Eric Classey, Book Reviews: Bibliography of Australian entomology 1687-2000, Field Guide to Stick and Leaf Insects of Australia, Moths of Victoria, Part 1, as well as an article on rare and antique insect illustration and 'Insects on the Web'.

Membership

The following entomological enthusiasts have been duly elected as members of the society:

- Megan Parr and Bryan Davidson (Associate) duly elected as a member of the society.
- Marilyn Hewish duly elected as a member of the society.
- Laura Levens duly elected as a member of the society.
- Daryl Akers duly elected as a member of the society

Received proposal for new members:

- Jim Tuttle
- Joshua Grubb

Next Meetings:

If you are planning to attend any of these meetings; please refer to the website for any last minute amendments.

2009:			
<i>Month</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Planned event</i>	
May:	19 th	Council meeting	
June:	16 th	General meeting	Show n Tell
July:	21 st	Council meeting	
August:	18 th	Members excursion	Proposed Forest Insects Collection, CSIRO, Monash Uni, Clayton
September:	15 th	Council meeting	
October:	20 th	General meeting	Proposed 'Parks Victoria'
November:	17 th	Council meeting	
December:	8 th	General meeting	Show n Tell Please note, December's meeting date is 2 nd Tuesday of December to try and avoid Christmas celebrations.

Meeting closed at 21:30

Minutes of the Council Meeting 26 May 2009

Present: I. Endersby, P. Marriott, P. Carwardine, D. Dobrosak,
S. Curle, P. Lillywhite

Apologies: M. Fiedel, K. Walker, D. Stewart

Minutes:

Minutes of the Council Meeting [Vic.Ent. 39(2): 40] were accepted S. Curle, P. Carwardine.

Correspondence:

- The latest Australian Journal of Entomology, V42, part 2 has been received.

Treasurers Report:

- General account \$6089, Le Souëf account \$5432, publication \$9701.
- Revenue from the MOV1 \$4001; with cost's to publish standing at \$5550. From the treasurer's point of view, these figures are looking good and we should shortly break even on this publication.
- Revenue from the 'Collecting Methods' publication \$660; with cost's to publish standing at \$350.
- The society has received a very generous donation of \$200 towards the future MOV publications.
- With the subs due in the 1st January, 13 people have yet to pay this year's membership renewal. I. Endersby has and will send out one more email reminder.

Editors report:

- We are short of articles for the next publication and D. Dobrosak is seeking material for this.
- We are looking to try and bring together a roundup of what is being worked on, or studied from an entomological perspective around Victoria. We are currently thinking of perhaps a regular bi-yearly roundup from anyone and everyone in Victoria. Whilst we have a number of contacts to pursue, members are also invited to share how their interests are being pursued too.

General Business:

Editor Position

We discussed the current editors position and the need to urgently fill this role. It was decided that members should be asked for assistance in identifying someone suitable for the position; P. Marriott to address.

Website

Unfortunately, Daniel has not had the opportunity to work on the website as much as he would have liked. Viv Curle is a web developer and has offered to take over this role and bring the website up to date. Daniel and the council has agreed to this and a handover of the webmaster position will ensue.

Publications

- **Collecting Methods**

This has been covered in the treasurers report above. The publication is continuing to do well.

- **MOV 1**

This publication has been doing very well for the society. We have learnt a lot from our mistakes with this first publication and will have them rectified for the second publication. We are continuing to receive ½ email enquires / sales per week.

- **MOV 2**

This publication is nearing completion and is on schedule for the anticipated July publication. Currently, it is consisting of 36 pages, 170 moths species and approximately 300 pages on the CD.

- **Fold-out Charts**

I. Endersby has kindly produced some sample works for discussion at the council meeting; including fold out charts (guide to beetle families) and a potential booklet option (Beetle, Bugs, Wasps & Flies families). The laminated fold out charts estimate is currently \$3200 for 1000. It was felt that some further research is needed to help move this forward.

Species Checklist

There is seen a requirement for a straightforward species checklist of insects find in Victoria. We are planning to publish this both on the website and in the forthcoming publications of the magazine. P. Marriott has been working with the museum to add images and link directly with their site. More to follow...

Facebook Group

Still a slow start-up for this online group.

Letter of thanks to the Museum

S. Curle to produce the letter for P.Lillywhite to review.

Society Archives and storage

We have over 50 boxes of back issues and journals in various rooms of Ian's house as both of the Professors who were storing them at La Trobe University have either retired or moved on. We need to find another store or dispose of them. They haven't been accessed in fifteen years so I suspect that they may not be of great value to our members.

Ian will compile an inventory of what the society has in storage. We will then invite the museum to take on some of this archival material for their collection.

Should there be anything remaining from this point, Ian will then invite our members should they wish to have any of this archive material.

Anything remaining will then be shredded.

S.Curle has offered a home for the societies direct historical publications.

Next Meetings:

Note: The date for the excursion has changed. This is due to a clash with the normal members meeting that would normally be held at the Museum in August.

S.Curle to socialise / co-ordinate contributions to June's Members Meeting, Show n Tell.

S.Curle to liaise with Laurie Cookson for the final details of this year's excursion.

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Meeting closed at 18:45

Notes on *Cephrenes augiades* (C. Felder) in the Northern Territory, Australia

(Lepidoptera: HesperIIDae)

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Summary

The orange Palmdart, *Cephrenes augiades* (C. Felder), is newly recorded from the East Alligator River, Northern Territory, where it inhabits shady monsoon vine-forest at Cahills Crossing. This population appears isolated from the nearest known populations in Darwin. A live adult male photographed appears similar to those from eastern Australia. The head capsule pattern of a mature larva on a *Livistona* sp. (Arecaceae) matches that of the dark form from eastern Australia. The immature head of a fourth instar larva also matched with the corresponding stage from elsewhere in the species' range. The existence of this very remote population, breeding in native habitat rather than in residential areas on garden palms, suggests the species is more widespread in the 'Top end' than currently believed. It is unclear whether this population is native or naturalised. However, an investigation into its likely origin and the extent of habitat occupancy within Kakadu National Park is desirable.

Field notes

During June 2008, several weeks after the wet season, I searched along the East Alligator River to photograph local butterfly species. On my first visit, I casually inspected a few young fan palms, a *Livistona* sp. possibly *L. benthamii*, growing adjacent the monsoon forest walk at the eastern boundary of Kakadu National Park. Here, at about 0.5-1.0km north-east of Cahills Crossing, Northern Territory (NT) (12°24'S, 132°58'E), towards the southern end of the walking trail near the car park, many *Livistona* saplings had sprung up to nearly 1m height. Skipper feeding damage was evident in places on the fronds, and quite expectably, my initial prying exposed two mature larvae of *Cephrenes trichopepla* (Lower) in heavily silked shelters. Their distinctive 'facial' markings, especially the yellowish-orange 'cheek' patches on the gena, distal to the frontoclypeus and mandibles, evinced their species determination without doubt (Lyons 1988, Dunn 1993). *C. trichopepla* is widespread in the 'Top End', and its presence here was unremarkable. There were other shelters about too but I did not inspect these, assuming them all the same species, and moved on to photograph some perched thecline butterflies in nearby vine thicket. On that day, June 2, I remained in the area for 2.5 hours (1420-1650h) noting 21 species and photographing eight (8) of special interest to me.

The riparian habitat along the East Alligator River seemed relatively rich in butterfly numbers and species diversity, compared with woodland sites nearby, so I returned to increase my species count. I guess 'the law of diminishing returns' had kicked in, as I only photographed two species, but largely overcast weather noticeably reduced butterfly basking that day. Tropical palm-feeding skippers have long fascinated me, so perhaps out of compulsion, habit, or even want of something better to do, I was soon tempted to inspect a few more fan palms during my leisurely 45-minute stroll. A third instar larva of *C. trichopepla* was found immediately. I easily identified this younger caterpillar as it had two pale whitish marks near the vertex of its dark larval head. This feature is decisive when present at third instar (Dunn 1993, 1995). I wondered if *C. augiades* might exist here too, given its favouritism for shady habitat (Dunn 2006) and reduced competition from its congener in these circumstances (Dunn 1995). The possibility seemed 'a long shot' though, particularly at such a remote site from Darwin – the nearest known population – and the skipper's accepted historic absence throughout most of coastal NT (Waterhouse & Lyell 1914, Braby 2000). On this basis, I felt I was wasting time with further searching and was about to give up.

About a metre away though, on a *Livistona* fan palm of 0.6m height, I recognised at least two shelters, of a finer structure, which piqued my curiosity. The subtle differences are discernible with a measure of experience with *Cephrènes* shelters (Dunn 2006) but remain hard to describe, and so my guess was that they might belong to *C. augiades*. One shelter contained a larva with a dark head devoid of markings. This larva was not *C. trichopepla*, but matched that of a typical fourth instar of *C. augiades* (Dunn 1995). Newly enthused, I continued my search for a mature larva to photograph. I hoped to compare its larval head with those from eastern Australia, just in case the NT form differed at this developmental stage. With perseverance, a fifth instar, male larva was photographed (Figures 1 & 2). Its larval head corresponded with the 'dark form' from eastern Australia (Figure 3), which is easily distinguished from the pale form (Figure 4).

Later, I photographed a roosting male of *C. augiades* (Figure 5) which provides complete evidence for this new locality record. Whilst basking this male permitted inspection of its upper-side, but it did not remain in this stance when camera was in hand. I expected this population might share the unique adult form of those from Stuart Park in suburban Darwin, where some or all adults show a brighter phenotype (Braby 2000, Dunn 2000). The population in Darwin is similarly isolated from the greater distribution. Recent Indonesian origin is a possibility (Braby 2000, Dunn 2000), unlike those from the eastern Australia, which likely moved into Cape York Peninsula via a land bridge from New Guinea during the Pleistocene (Dunn 2000). Despite geographic closer proximity to Darwin, in all recalled characteristics this male from East Alligator River resembled those from Queensland, but statistics dictate that a preserved series is required for a reliable assessment of the local variation. Whether native or naturalised, suitable intervening monsoon forests need inspection to determine the extent of its distribution in the Top End, particularly in Kakadu and adjoining habitat in Arnhem Land.

In the Northern Territory, *C. augiades* seems habitat specific, probably connected to its rainforest origins and linked preference for deep shade (Dunn 2006), and is locally common (Braby 2000). Earlier, in May 2008, I had sought out the local form in Darwin with minimal success. I only chanced upon a few males roosting at a moderate height (about 2-4m) on several large palms, possibly *Syagrus*, in late afternoon in the Botanic Gardens. Typically, adults of *C. augiades* usually patrol briefly (Dunn 1994), in the vicinity of the larval hosts or nectar sources (Lyonns 1999), and so may go unnoticed unless disturbed (Dunn 1994). Of these males, I netted one for inspection. This male, too, closely resembled the eastern Australian population. Its forewing upper-side was not more extensively orange (Braby 2000, Dunn 2000), unlike those as I remember them, from Stuart Park and other sites near Darwin collected in the early 1990s. These specimens held at the ANIC, and in the private collection of R.N. Stoodley, I have not seen since 1994, so have not compared them with my Darwin specimen. Instead, I provide a photograph of my one male from the Botanic Gardens (Figure 6) to enable others who have more material to compare it with nearby sites. Its unremarkable phenotype is at odds with my expectations. Perhaps the Darwin form is quite variable or has since blended with stock introduced on palms from Western Australia or Queensland.

Conclusion

It would be interesting to compare a series from various sites in suburban Darwin with the newly reported Kakadu population and with material from Queensland. This might determine the authenticity of this said 'local form' (Dunn 2000) or putative introduced 'subspecies' (Braby 2000). Mitochondrial DNA analysis, which is steadily gaining popularity in taxonomy, may be one revealing technique, if the Darwin local form is genuinely of extra-Australian origin and not genetically flooded since its establishment in the 1990s. In the meantime, it is important for authorised enthusiasts to obtain a series of both sexes from East Alligator River for rigorous taxonomic comparison. For the present, my photographs of some live history stages suffice to authenticate the breeding presence of *C. augiades* along the eastern boundary of Kakadu National Park.



Figure 1.



Figure 2.



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5.



Figure 6.

Key to figures:

Figure 1. *C. augiades*. East Alligator River, NT. Male mature larva, instar V, showing dorsal view of dark form head.

Figure 2. *C. augiades*. East Alligator River, NT. Same male larva, instar V, showing dorsal-lateral view of dark form head.

Figure 3. *C. augiades*. Endeavour Hills, Vic. Instar VI, mature larva, showing dorsal view of dark form head. (At instar V this larva displayed a pale form head, which normally follows through to the next instar in absence of environmental change. It was incubated at 25°C for one week during instar V and subsequently produced the dark form head at instar VI).

Figure 4. *C. augiades*. Fern Tree Gully, Vic. Male mature larval, Instar VI, dorsal view of pale form head.

Figure 5. *C. augiades*. Adult male (dark form underside) - East Alligator River NT.

Figure 6. *C. augiades*. Male from the Botanic Gardens, Darwin NT.

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Free Moth Book Updates

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Since the publication of Moths of Victoria (MoV1) in November last year, new pictures and information has become available. New pages have been prepared and others have been updated to incorporate the new material and these are now available by email to those who want them. At present they are not available on disk or as hard copies.

New pages at present are as follows:

- *Natata flavescent* – better photo of female and images of both dorsal and ventral views of the male.
- *Opodiphthera encalypti* – better picture of male
- *Genduara* sp. (1) – update of information with better image of set male
- *Genduara obtusa* – new page with picture of resting male
- *Anthela connexa* – better image of resting female
- *Pterolocera* lined sp. – a new page covering a different species from Churchill
- *Bombyx mori* – incorporated image of caterpillar
- *Chalepteryx collesi* – page 2 has a better picture of the male.
- *Chalepteryx chelepteryx* – page 2 has been updated to include a picture of the male.

These pages have been reduced to approximately 120 – 180 kB and are in JPEG format. They will be suitable for both PCs and Macs though they will not be as high a resolution as the original disk. However, they are perfectly fine on the computer and can be printed out, with care about size.

Interested people should let me know at marriott@netlink and they will be added to the list of people receiving the updates.

MoV2 is still scheduled for publication in July. It will cover the moth families Oenosandridae, Notodontidae, Lymantriidae, Arctiidae, Herminiidae and Nolidae. There will be over 170 individual species, a 36 page booklet and about 300 pages on the CD.

Magazine Editor position

At the May meeting of the council we revisited the situation regarding the position of editor.

Daniel has been doing an excellent job with this and the appearance of the magazine, under his stewardship, has been greatly enhanced. We all benefit as the notes, articles and shared information is of great value both in the short term and as a long term record.

But Daniel has indicated that he would like to pass on the role to someone else and it is unfair to just leave him with the job he has done for quite some time now.

All members need to consider how this change can be brought about. Basically we need to have someone who is willing to take over from Daniel to produce the six editions each year.

Daniel is very happy to mentor, train up and help in the transition. The members of the council are freely available to support as well. Suitable software, templates etc. can be supplied for the new editor and all of the contacts for the publishing are in place.

The editor does not need to have any level of entomological knowledge as our magazine is not peer reviewed, though the council will check any material that is of a questionable or technical nature. Articles are sent directly to the editor and the magazine is prepared on a computer and sent in electronic form to the printer.

Please consider yourself if you would be interested in doing this or if you know someone who would be able to do it. Thinking outside the membership, there may be family members or other volunteers who can put the material together.

If you are interested then contact any of the council members directly to discuss it further.

Peter Marriott

President

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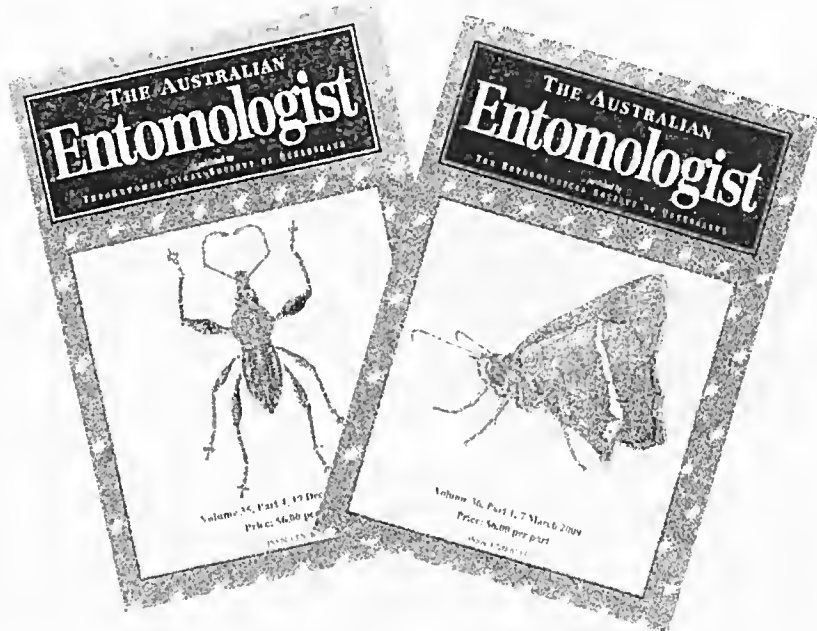
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